

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hall County,            ) Application No. 911-023.05  
Public Safety Answering Point,        )  
Grand Island, seeking funding        ) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING  
approval for recurring and non-        ) REQUEST IN PART  
recurring costs of Enhanced            )  
Wireless 911 implementation.         ) Entered: July 3, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated January 24, 2007, Hall County, Grand Island, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Hall County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$131,888.00** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service. Additionally, Hall County seeks **\$4,200.00 per year** for hardware maintenance from Platte Valley Communications.

Hall County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Hall County's request at its March 23, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve the funding request in full.

The costs of several items listed in the supporting documentation exceed the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are set forth in the confidential attachment Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Those items listed in bold print are priced above the RFP pricing or are otherwise ineligible for funding and total **\$12,564.00**.

O P I N I O N     A N D     F I N D I N G S

This request for funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board,

the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

Hall County's request includes costs associated with maintenance and service for equipment and software. The Commission finds that maintenance of the equipment and software is essential to ensure the proper operation of the statewide 911 system and should be funded to the extent funds are available during this interim period, subject to change based upon the availability of funds and the permanent funding mechanism.

The Commission further finds that the funding request shall be granted only to the extent the pricing complies with the vendor's response to RFP.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$119,324.00** in non recurring costs and **\$4,200.00 per year** for maintenance for a period of up to five (5) years subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP. However, this amount does not include costs associated any amounts requested in excess of the prices offered in response to the RFP as outlined in Appendix A.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Hall County the amount of **\$119,324.00** consistent with the terms of this order, the contract between the PSAP and vendor, and the amounts set forth in Appendix A. Additionally, the Fund shall pay **\$4,200.00** for maintenance to Hall County annually, subject to change based upon the availability of funding and the permanent funding mechanism. Hall County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Hall County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP and ineligible for funding it shall notify the Commission in

writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Hall County the amount of **\$119,324.00** consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Fund shall pay **\$4,200.00** for maintenance to Hall County annually consistent with the terms of this order and the amounts set forth in Appendix A.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that should Hall County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP, or otherwise ineligible for funding, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3rd day of July, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director